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DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Equestrian Guild Cooks Guild	2 Populace	3 Hack & Slash	4 Heraldry	5 Practice Tourney	6 Brewers Guild Caerthen Baronial Yule	7 Hunter's Feast Drygestan Midwinter
8 University	9 Recorder Class Calligraphers	10 Costumers	11 Textiles Dancing Class	12 Fighter Practice Boffer Guild Bridgit's Bards	13 Performing Arts Guild	14 Caer Galen Midwinter
15	16 Calligraphers	17 Herbalists Scots Gaelic Study Group	18 Dancing Class	19 Fighter Practice Autocrats Guild	20	21 al-Barran Midwinter
22	23 Recorder Class	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26 Fighter Practice	27	28
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Dec.		
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7	Hunter's Feast (Windkeep)	
7	Drygestan Midwinter (Drygestan)	
14	Caer Galen Midwinter (Caer Galen)	10
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19	War Practice (Caerthe)	11
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Feb.		
-2	Known World Dance Symposium (Meridies) - continued	
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From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings Unto the Populace,

12th Night is fast approaching and we are working on the Caerthen "walls". Come on down to the Armory on Thursdays and help.

Get your Armor and Banners ready because the scent of War is in the air. Negotiations were conducted at Coronation and this year there and there will be a War Point for fencing, so come join us in February as we show the Kingdom of Atenveldt just what we are made of (again).

Congratulations to Lord Kerold Hoegaarden - Companion of the Stag's Blood and for being chosen as a member of the Queen's Guard, O'Taktey - for being chosen as a member of the King's Guard, Lady Caterina Fregoso - Companion of the Order of the Argent Hart, Don Tryffin MacUlraig - Companion of the Order of the White Scarf, Baron Douglas MacAndrew - Recipient of a Cordon Royale, Master Maelgwyn McCain - Flower of Chivalry and Bernajoux du Lac - Protector of the Queens Heart.

In Service,

Walter *Fiachra*

From the Seneschal

Greetings, good gentles.

-First, I'd like to extend my thanks to Lady Rivka, Lady Maeb, THLord Crispin, Lady Taryn , Anastasia and all of their assistants for making this a month enjoyable and active month for Caerthe. **Huzzah** to you all!

-I'd also like to take this opportunity to express how proud I am that our first ever "Toys for Tots" was a great success!! Look inside for more details.

-Parents, please keep in mind that I am requiring new, adult signed, minor waivers at every Boffer Guild meeting. 1 meeting a month x 12 months = 12 waivers per child, per year. Lord Zachariah and Aaron will have extra copies of this waiver, so please have your child pick up a couple extra at the next practice.

-Finally, please keep in mind that when you travel to events abroad, that you (either intentionally or not) represent our Barony and those that live within and will, by your words and actions, show others what a courteous and friendly place Caerthe truly is!

BEST HOLIDAY WISHES!

In service to the populace and the dream,

Roland O'Rourke

From the Chronicler & Deputy

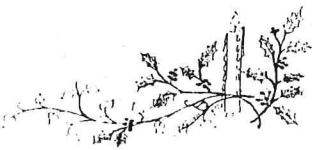
Greetings!

We just want to remind everyone that the Fortress deadline is the 15th of the preceding month. Please try to turn in hard copy by that date, or at least make arrangements by that date to turn in submissions any later . We can be a lot more flexible about e-mail, but please try to use the same guidelines for that as well.

We wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season!

In Service,

Meg & Alfretha



Society for Creative Anachronism Inc.
Barony of Caerthe Treasurer's Report

Balance Forward	September 1, 1996	$8.87012
Expenses:		
Ch# 1238	12th Nite - food	$ 198.72
Ch# 1239	12th Nite - site	480.00
Ch# 1240	12th Nite - food	700.00
Ch# 1241	Fields of Gold - supplies	313.40
Ch# 1242	A & S Supplies	37.74
Ch# 1243	Queens Prize supplies	65.04
Ch# 1244	Queens Prize supplies	114.23
Ch# 1245	Perf. Arts - site	50.00
Ch# 1246	College food & Supplies	245.00
Ch# 1247	Book mark supplies	20.00
Ch# 1248	2 Exchequer handbooks	20.00
Ch# 1249	Postmaster	20.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		$ 2,264.14
Income:		
	Queens Prize	$ 905.00
	Calligraphers	50.00
	Performing A&S	352.00
	Reimb. Perf. A&S	16.73
	12th Night	140.00
TOTAL INCOME		$1,463.73
Ending Balance	September 30, 1996	$8,069.72

Written for the information of the Barony of Caerthe

Marguerite

Monies held in account for:

Cooks Guild	$ 324.26
Armorers	43.32
Fencers	108.05
Fighters	76.06
Calligraphers	209.29
Archers	149.23
College	0.00
Equestrians	95.87

DECEMBER COOKS' GUILD

Come join us for COOKIES, CAROLS, AND CIDER !

The Caerthen Cooks' Guild will meet on SUNDAY, December 1, at 2:00 p.m., at the home of Mistress Kate, 910 Milwaukee Street. We will have our traditional cookie-decorating, so bring your favorite holiday food or drink, and come join us for an afternoon of revelry. If weather and time permit, we will go caroling afterwards, then warm up with hot cider.

Garb (washable) preferred. Contact Mistress Kate at 322-1907 with any questions.

Performing Arts Guild

Thank you all who attended the initial meeting of the Guild in November!! It was a good time for myself and the others and it will only continue to improve. The next meeting is on December 13, 7-9 pm (Friday the 13th) and there will be 2 classes that evening. Mistress Bernice will teach Reading Music and Patrick will teach Storytelling Techniques.

Afterwards there will be a "jam" session for players, singers and all others to participate and enjoy. Please bring an extra chair if you have one as space was a bit tight last time. And the site is "wet".

If you have any questions, or need directions, please feel free to contact me, Lord Frederick at 985-7590 or ross@nilenet.com

Textiles Guild

Textiles on December 11th will be a Christmas get-together. Come for snacks and conversation. Also a great time to work on those last minute gift projects.

7:00pm December 11th, at 5015 Beach Ct. Please call or e-mail if you have any questions; Lady Cecelia e/433-0132, Mary d/556-2270, e-mail mconley@castle.cudenver.edu.

Autocrats Guild

There will be no guild meeting this month. Enjoy the holidays!

UNIVERSITY OF CAERTHE

Because of the holidays we will not hold University at the usual times in November and December. Instead we will next meet on Sunday, December 8, at 2:00 P.M., at Lord Conan's bronze foundry, where he will show us how this ancient craft is carried out today, and explain the differences between Period and modern bronze casting.

All are encouraged to attend. For further information, call THL Amelia, 750-0180, or Master Robin Vinehall, 444-5004. If you have particular questions you would like to hear covered in this talk, you are encouraged to call Lord Conan, 421-0575. Maps showing how to get to the bronze foundry can be picked up at Lord Conan's merchant table at SCA events, or from Master Robin.

If you do not pick up a map, the address is: Boyce Bronze Casting, 5555 Harlan Street. Look for the red brick building. This place is a bit tricky to get to. Your best routes are: east on 55th Ave. from Wadsworth or west on 56th Ave. from Sheridan.

EQUESTRIAN GUILD

With the hectic holidays fast approaching (not to mention unpredictable weather) the Equestrian Guild is not planning any formal outdoor gatherings until springtime.

However, we are still having informational presentations each month in the warmth of Tangwystel and Mark's home!

Our next meeting is Sunday, December 1st, at 7:30 p.m. at 2860 Humboldt St. Mark and Tangwystel are going to be doing a presentation on Barding. Come and join us!

BARONIAL QUILT

New assignments of quilt squares are now being given out. Please contact Lady Cecelia if you would like to do one — e/433-0132 or d/556-2270 (Mary), email: mconley@castle.cudenver.edu.

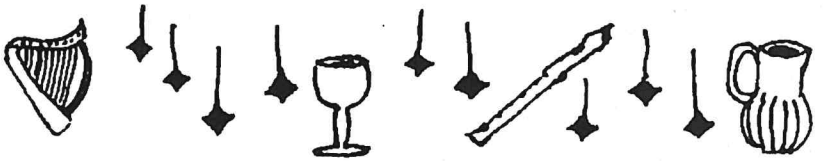
FORTRESS AND BUILDING FUND BENEFIT REVEL, MARCH 29, 1997

Mark your calendars, bring your money and your donations (hint) to the Fortress Benefit and Building Fund Revel! Come support your newsletter and help to build a dream. Site TBD. For questions or offers of assistance or donations (hint, hint) call Johann or Kseniya at 730-7438.

Watch this space for more installments.....

Recorder Class Reminder

As usual recorder classes will be held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. We will be meeting on the 9th and 23rd to play. As always, anyone is welcome to attend, no matter what their level of musical experience. Classes are held at 864 S. Pecos St. in Denver. If you have any questions or need directions, call Crispin at 727-9709 or Thomas at 937-0871.



Directory Update

The updating and production of the next Baronial Directory continues. A new directory should be available shortly after the New Year.

Anyone wishing to check their information or give me corrected or new directory information may do so an any event I am attending, fighter practices (I'm never sure if I'll be there until that evening, except for Tourney night), or by e-mail at meonley@castle.cudenver.edu

Information to be included in the directory: SCA name, mundane name, address; and if you wish to have it included - home phone, and/or work phone, and/or e-mail (if you have one).

Cecelia

Artists of the Outlands Calendars

Now is the time to get your Artists of the Outlands Calendars for holiday gifts. Calendars should be available from any of the Building fund board members at events, or contact a member directly. Board: Johann of the Northern Moors, Marguerite d'Isere, William Petheram of Somerset, Cecelia Corr Mhaire, Roland O'Rourke.

Caer Galen Midwinter - Argent Color Court

December 14, 1996

Winter curls its ghostly fingers, leaving the trees glistening like frosty jewels in the pale sunlight. Our ever-present wind swirls off our snow-crowned cliffs and through the frozen bracken, howling its sweet lament to the dying of the autumn.

The Shire of Caer Galen cordially invites you to join us at our Midwinter Celebration, to be held December 14, 1996. The site for the event is the Chataqua Community Hall, 900 Baseline Road, in Boulder, CO. The site opens at 2PM and closes at 10PM. Site restrictions: no pets, smoking in designated areas only. Also, this site is SO dry that gentles who choose to bring alcohol onto the premises should be prepared to make an on-the-spot donation to the coffers of the Shire of Caer Galen to cover our then-forfeited damage deposit. (No, folks, we're not kidding.)

To augment our wintry weather, the theme of this year's celebration is Argent Color Court. Gentles are encouraged to wear their best in white and silver. Prizes will be awarded for most beautiful costume in theme, best costume with a theme pun, best costume worn in blatant defiance of the theme, and most in need of bleaching by the end of the evening. There will also be contests for table decoration and soelties.

The feast will consist of Continental delicacies seen in the Holy Roman Empire during the ascendancy of the Borgias (sans deadly additives). The menu is as follows (Vegetarian dishes marked with a V):

MENU

On the table:	Winter breads, butter, cheeses, chutney & honey.
First Course:	Winter Salat (V)
Second Course:	Seasoned Beef with Pasta
	Open-Faced Pastry with Vegetables (V)
Third Course:	Capon in Green Sauce
	Salmon with Rice
	Striped Blancmange (V)
Fourth Course:	Dessert Sideboard/Soeltie Contest

During the feast there will be Entertainment, and after the feast there will be dancing, revelry, and our famous Caer Galen Musical Chairs.

Directions:

From the south: Take I-25 north to I-36 West to Boulder. Exit off of I-36 at the Baseline exit, turn left. Go west on Baseline Road to the Chataqua Park Entrance (on left side of road), follow the signs to the Community Hall.

From the north: Take I-25 south to the Hwy 119 exit. Take 119 to Boulder, turn south on Foothills Parkway (Hwy 157), to Baseline Road. Follow Baseline Road west approximately 3 miles to the Chataqua Park

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entrance (on left side of road). Turn left and follow the signs to the Community Hall.

Reservations: Site fee: $7
Site and Feast: $16 *
*Off board seating available, but EXTREMELY limited

Children's Feast: $8 (6-12 yrs, under 6 free)

Chatelaine: Mistress Kathryn Brian Chevreuil (called Brianna) mka Kathryn Kaufmann, 601 Avante Court, Lafayette, CO 80026, (303) 666-0430

Chef de Cuisine: Mistress Mirianna Wrenne of Ravenswood mka Valerie Oswald, (303) 394-4003

Caerthen Archery Practice

The Caerthen Archery Marshall, Lord Larke, is now holding an archery practice for the Barony. Practices will be held on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00pm, weather permitting, at 4860 Joliet St.
Directions: Take I-70 to the Havana exit. Take Havana north to 47th. Turn east (right) on 47th and go 2 blocks to Joliet. Turn north (left) on Joliet, and the practice is at Bootz Distribution (4860) on the right hand side of the street.
If you have any questions or suggestions, contact Lord Larke at 639-1164.

War Practice

Plan now to attend one or both of our January War Practices. The first will be the Sunday after 12th Night, the second two week later. Come and join with other noble fighters and sharpen your group combat skills. The site is the same as last year, indoors with lights, heat, and a forgiving dirt floor (for those who die). Membership and authorization cards will be checked.

When: January 5th & 19st, 1997 10:00am - 5:00pm

Where: Jefferson County Fairgrounds, General purpose building, 15200 W. 6th Ave., Golden, CO. DRY SITE!

Fee: Brass Bowl

Directions: (See 12th Night Map) General Purpose Building is the first on the right.

Contact: Lady Cecelia Corr Mhaire (Mary Conley) 433-0132, 556-2270, mconley@castle.cudenver.edu.

Caerthen Baronial Yule

December 6th

Welcome one and all to the Barony of Caerthe for an evening of celebration. Enjoy the fine food and join in the musical festivities, as we celebrate the yule season with our friends. This event will take place at the Epiphany Lutheran Church located at 790 South Corona, Denver, Colo. The site will open at 7:00 pm and close at 1 1:00 pm. The feast will consist of many culinary delights, gathered in pot luck fashion. Yes, bring forth your most scrumptious yule dish (enough to serve six people) to the feast, which will begin as close to 8:00 as possible.

Please bring all musical instruments to join in with after the feast, be it stringed instrument, vocal talent, or two rocks you can slap together to a nice rhythm. Any form of musical accompaniment will be much appreciated, as well as song books with which we may bring the piece of music to life. (You might want the tall boots too!) Part of the evening's festivities include a sing-along, so practice your harmonies in the shower. Bring along any games you'd like to play too. The site is discretely wet; beer & wine only in period vessels. There will be no smoking indoors, no pets, and no propping doors open (no matter how tired you may seem).

The site fee for this event will involve placing an undisclosed amount of gold into a BRASS BOWL. If anyone is interested in helping with set-up or clean-up, please contact the autocrats.

DIRECTIONS:

From the South: Take I - 25 north to Downing St and exit traveling right (east) for approximately 8 - 9 blocks to Ohio St. Take a left on Ohio St, traveling one block to Corona. The Church is on the corner.

From the North: Take I - 25 south to Washington St exit (east), traveling to Louisiana St. (2nd light). Take a left on Louisiana until you reach Downing, where you will turn left again. Continue to the site using the above directions.

Co - Autocrats: Mistress Aurora (Dawn Lamb) Kerold Hoegaarden (Todd White)
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Englewood, CO 80112
(303) 740 - 0974

CAERTHEN TWELFTH NIGHT
JEFFERSON CO. FAIRGROUNDS. JAN. 4th, 1997

Their Excellencies, Walter and Fiachra, would like to invite you to 12th night. This year to be held at the castle of Mistress Mirianna Wrenne and Lady Gabrielle Cartier (the castle is mundanely known as Jefferson Co. fairgrounds). We will be celebrating the New Year as an English Country Festival. Mirianna lives in 1450's England, but you can pick your own time period.

Lady Gabrielle, a Chef Extraordinaire, from our sister country of France, is preparing a feast featuring English fare throughout the centuries. The menu includes; Hot spiced apple cider, cheese, spiced honey, breads, Devonshire Chicken, glazed carrots, spiced spinach, Barthlomas Beef, a pickle platter including beets, mushrooms, eggs, and a dessert Buffet. (All subject to change, a full menu will be available at the door). off board seating is limited so please specify that you want it in your reservation. If you have any allergies, or special food requirements let the chef know before the 1st of December. As of this writing, this is a DRY SITE! that means any gifts of alcohol must be sealed and put away ASAP. If you are interested in entertaining during the feast let me know in advance so I can work up a schedule. Any special requirements, such as music box or light, etc. let me know as well. Check at the door for sign up sheet.

There will be children's activities during the day. All parents must volunteer one hour of the day at the children's area! Lady Catarina is working on a lot of great ideas for them. Please bring a snack to share for each child. There will be a sign up sheet at the door.

During the day we will be practicing the dances for later that night. Games and puzzles will be available for use all day and evening. Lady Arwen is working on some period card games, rules and instructions will be available from the Caerthen scribes guild for a nominal fee. I am thinking of having some classes during the day but that depends on space and time. Contests to go on all day are: Best Garb for male, female and child, early, middle and late period. Best accessorizing to garb (hats, shoes, gloves, etc.). Best place setting or table decorations. Best promissory blank A.O.A. scroll for kingdom, and best blank Baronial scroll for aspen, gilded leaf etc. There will also be a contest sponsored by Master Daffyth of Emmett: Best example of a period picture that looks like someone who is part of the SCA today (need to show a picture of both).

Reservations November 1st to November 30th are, site $9.00, site and feast

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$18.00 for adults. Children: S & under are free, 6-10 site only $3.00, site and feast $6.00, 11-14 site only $3.00, site and feast $10.00. Reservations December 1st to the 21st (cutoff!): site $11.00, site and feast $22.00. Children: 5 & under free, 6-10 site $4.00, site and feast $7.00, 11-14 site $4.00, site and feast $11.00. Phone reservations will be accepted but must be confirmed with payment within two weeks or forfeited. (Your name will go onto the waiting list on a first come basis.) Please include a complete list of both Society and Mundane names with the reservation payment. Checks should be made payable to SCA-Caerthe and must include your society name and group.

-Donations of Prizes will be gratefully accepted anytime between now and the event. We are also looking for volunteers to help setup and cleanup, as servers, teachers for classes, etc. There will be work parties at Caerthen fighter practice to create the panorama walls for the Barony's constant use, the 3rd and 4th Thursdays of November and December. If you have artistic talent or just want to play with paint, please join us. Contact Mirianna or Lady Isabel for information.

A procession into court is being planned, If you wish to do so please have a list of your full name and titles for a 5x8 card.

SCHEDULE:

Site opens at 10:00 am

set up and decoration of the hall 11:00 am:

Classes start, dancing and any others that get planned.

Children's activities start.

Board and card games will be available for use.

Display of scrolls and arts and sciences table.

Display of Master Daffyth's contest opens.

12:00PM:

A light lunch will be served. (Lunch included in site fee)

1:00PM:

Classes, etc., continue.

2:00PM:

Depending on the Crown and Coronet, may be set up for court.

3:00PM:

Children's activities end, set up for feast.

Court? And procession.

4:00PM:

Feast starts.

7:00pm -7:30 PM:

Feast ends. Set up for dancing.

Children's Activities continue.

Court continues?

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9:00PM:
Children's activities end.
10:00PM:
Dancing ends, clean up begins.
(Any and all help will be very much appreciated)
11:00PM:
Site closes.

Merchants Contact:
(303) 730-7438
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c/o Pearl Marquez
1604 South Raleigh St.
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Mistress Mirianna Wrenne
c/o Valerie Oswald 1645 Valentia St.
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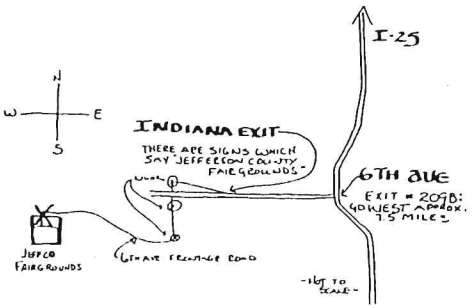
(303) 394-4003
e-mail: thortman@abwam.com
contact me for crash space also.

Directions to the site are, Take your best route to I-25 and 6th avenue exit. Go west on 6th to the Indiana exit, left on Indiana to the first traffic light that you can turn right on. Then left into the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. There will be signs.



Candlemas

February 1

Join Ye in the Crusades, Be Ye Sinner, Saint, or Saracen!

Come forth all ye of bravehearts, quick wits, and strong arms, for Dragonsspine holds its annual Candlemas, Saturday, Feb. 1, at Sallie Bush Community Center. Join us as we celebrate the Crusades in fun, competitions, and merriment. This year's feast will be prepared by Baroness Miranda and the Cooks Guild of Dragonsspine. Feast is Italian Renaissance (the end of the Crusades) and is limited to 100, so get your reservations in early. Send reservations to the autocrat, Lady Ayslynn.

Menu (including but not limited to):
Stuffed eggs

Bollito Verduri (Beef and vegetables in green sauce) Linguini al Limone (Pasta in lemon sauce)
Polo (Chicken stuffed with rice, fruit, and pine nuts) Torte di Spinacia (Spinach pie)
In Salata (Salad)
Panforte (Fruit, nut, and spice cake)

As always, please indicate any special dietary needs at the time of reservation.

Fees:

Site and Feast for paid reservations by Jan. 15 $10.00 Site fee after Jan. 15 and at door $4.00
Feast fee after Jan. 15 if available $9.00

Smalls 12 and under: No site fee, feast 1/2 price.
RESERVATIONS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!
Directions: Take I-25 to Colorado Springs. Take exit 141 (HWY 24 west) and continue on until the second Green Mountain Falls exit. Turn left and follow signs.

Site opens: 10 am
Site closes: 10 pm
Court at the discretion of Their Majesties and the Coronets of Dragonsspine

Competitions

Heavy weapons (list opens at 11:00)

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Fencing (List opens at 11:00)
Children's activities hosted by Lady Lydia Garb Competition : An award will be presented for best garb using purple from any period of the Crusades (all approximately 400 years of them). Emphasis on the purple.

If there is enough snow, martial competitions will become snow ball fights between fencers and heavy weapons fighters with recruits from any one wishing to participate. If it is just too cold to fight outside, martial competitions will beheld indoors with a modified format.

Vendors are welcome but please remember space is limited. A donation to the prize pool will serve as a vendor's fee. If inclement weather forces the fencing and fighting indoors, you may have to be pushed back up against the walls.

Crash space can be arranged.
Unaccompanied minors must have a medical power of attorney, a statement designating someone over 21 on site as acting guardian, to include the name of the event, location, name of designated adult, date of the event, and signed minor waiver.

For more information, contact the autocrat:

Lady Ayslynn merch Guincatan (Pat Coleman)
3451 Queen Anne Way
Colorado Springs, CO 80917 (719) 597-4944
email:coleman@ppcc.colorado.edu

As Dragonsspine's Baronial Arts and Science Competition will be run in conjunction with Candlemas, please see that article for additional competitions and categories.

Dance Troupe

In conjunction with the performing Arts Guild, Gabrielle DuBois is starting a Dance Troupe for the sole purpose of fun, performing and more fun! This will be choreographed material designed specifically for performing. If interested call Ann Fletcher M-F 1-10pm @ 337-2311, mornings & weekends at 671-0467.

DRAGONSSPINE ARTS & SCIENCES COMPETITION AT CANDLEMAS

The title says it all --- except for categories, which will be: Calligraphy; Illumination; Metalwork (armor, weapons, jewelry); Fabric (spinning/weaving, garb, embroidery); Leather (armor, garb, decoration); comestibles (food, drink); Performing Arts (song, music [vocal/instrumental], skits, dance), and Other.

All may enter the competition with the highest placing Dragonsspinian becoming Baronial Champion. There will be several prizes offered.

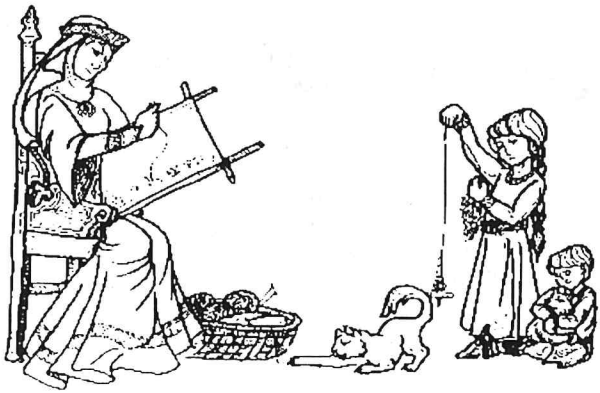
We have moved our A&S competition to Candlemas to avoid conflict with Coronation. We expect to return to our original November weekend next year. Watch for notice.

Lady Ayslyn has graciously agreed to provide space for this competition at Candlemas. To return the favor, we will try to be prompt and concise. The site opens at 10 am, whence A&S entries will be accepted. Judging will start at 11:30 and be completed by 2:30*, with tear-down completed by 3:30 to allow feast set-up.

* Performing Arts will occur from 4:00 - 5:00, followed by Court.

If there are any questions regarding the competition, please contact Duchess Selene of the Sky, c/o Penny Tegen, 2926 Valarie Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80917-3832, (719) 597-5259.

PS: I need judges! Please volunteer.



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Engineer's Feast II

February 28, 1997

Good gentles please join us at Schola Metallorum for our second-ever Engineer's Feast on Friday February 28, at 6:00 pm.

The feast will revolve around stories from Estrella, dancing, fun and games, and a surprise that will impress all who attend!

The college will take a total of 80 paid reservations, and there will be no off-board seating.

There have been many great things going on at Schola Metallorum, so come see the best that the college has to offer.

For more information about the feast, contact:

Braden von Sobernheim
384-2194 (Schola Metallorum Office)
bwolf@mines.edu

SCATHING ON THIN ICE: Observations and information from the poison pen of *RANDAL THE MALCONTENT.*

Greetings fellow virgins, today we muse about...

"WHAT'S IN A NAME or WHO AM DAT I BE..."

Choosing a period name can be an exacting, frustrating challenge for the virginal Societal butterfly. As the noted Earl of Scruggs reminds us, "If you pick it, it won't heal." What he means is that a bad (awkward) name can damage your SCA experience. Not only does one have to come up with something appropriate to gender, interests, historical area etc., but one has to put up with smarmy, holier-than-thou, puritanical members with UC/GN (unpronounceable Celtic/Gaelic names)! These persons (many of whom take pity on us and use neat nicknames) leave in their wake a long trail of broken, weeping, bleeding Heralds with gnashed gums and twisted tongues.

MEABHUD AP SUAB NI MIURGWYNN LOCH CAER (ptew! ptew!) ... you get the idea..So, you need something short, pronounceable, applicable (perhaps funny, this is a tricky area; just ask Swishy Le Poke.), and not too emotionally invested so you can dump it if it doesn't work out. I've found that if you want a name you like (or want to test) just add a cool suffix to something you've heard that you like. EXAMPLE:

JOHANN THE ... Trite, Bashful, Unimaginative, uh, Maleable... (pick an adjective, any adjective)-, or choose a place name. EXAMPLE:

JOHANN OF ... Nottingham (watch it here, you can't use REAL names or well-known fictional ones like "Merlin THE MAGICIAN".) the Southern Hills, Aurora Mall etc. (Johann of Green Oak is going to KILL me but I wrote this all before we spoke about this. Honest, I swear on my mother's tibia!)

Some people are born with such wonderful period names, I don't know why they change them. Stacia MacBraidaigh's (there's that smarminess again) real name is Christyanne MacKorin. Sounds like corn flakes over frosted flakes to me..(More duels to arrange over this missive, I can see. Grumble, grumble, grumble ...).

And the easiest of all is to USE YOUR REAL CHRISTIAN NAME! I know, I know, I can hear the groans of dismay from the veterans in the gallery."You won't learn anything by using your own name, o lazy, shiftless, woodenhead, drudge and anchor beneath the flag ship of SCAtivity! Hie thee hence!" (Courtly speech and insult must abide for another day.) I like my name. No one in my family has ever used it. It's period. I'm lazy. Oh, what the hey! Try it (your name, stupid) for a year and when your membership comes due next, try another.

YOUR < OBEDIENT SERVANT,

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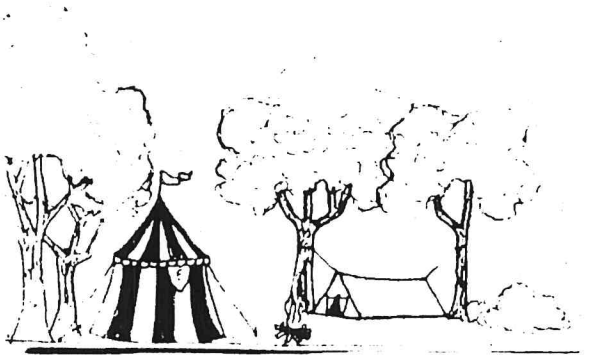
Help Save Sherwood Forest!

It was once the legendary home of Robin Hood and Merry Men, a 450-acre tract of forest in Nottinghamshire, England. Now it is a shadow of its former self and a disappointment to the million tourists who arrive each year to seek the place where Robin Hood, according to legend, robbed the rich and gave to the poor.

But things are about to change, Austin Brady, a Forestry Commission official, is sponsoring a project to return Sherwood Forest to its once flourishing state, spending millions over a period of years to plant new oak trees and buy the land on which the forest once extended. He is calling big corporations and individuals to adopt a tree. By sending $20 to Brady at the Sherwood Forest Trust, you will receive a certificate stating that an oak tree will be planted in your name on a "site near the heart of Sherwood Forest." And if future research projects are successful, it may someday be possible to plant trees propagated from the huge hollow tree known as the "Major Oak." If you want to save a small piece of Robin Hood's lair, contact: Austin Brady, Sherwood Forest Trust, Cuckney Road, Carbutton, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, S80 3BP, England/(44) (190) 947-2965.

Lady Tambriel has actually spoken with Mr. Brady, and his organization is a legitimate one. With the interest in England and Robin Hood many folks in the SCA share, she felt that this idea was one we should share. This could be a great idea for Christmas or 12th Night gifts, or for birthdays or anniversaries. It gives us all a chance to help save Sherwood Forest!

If you are interested, send $20.00 US currency, either as a check or money order. If you want to call Mr. Brady, he is more than willing to answer questions, but please remember the roughly 7 hour time difference!



Canton of Hawk's Hollow

The Canton of Hawk's Hollow is a subsidiary branch of the Barony of Caerthe located in the northern metropolitan area including the cities of Westminster, Thornton, Northglenn, and Commerce City.

Populace meetings are held on the 1st Friday of each month at 7:30pm. Children and friends are encouraged to attend.
Directions: I-25 north to Thornton Pkwy, west on Pkwy to Pecos (about 1.5 mi), north on Pecos to 1st left (.4 mi in to Redwood Estates, .2 mi to stop sign). Clubhouse on the NW corner.

Fighter practice: The practice of the Canton is held with Caerthe's practice. See Baronial listing.

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Schola Metallorum
(Incipient College)

The College of Schola Metallorum is another subsidiary branch of the Barony and is associated with the Colorado School of Mines in Golden.

Populace meetings are held every 2 weeks. Call the Seneschal for details.

Fighter practice: Tuesdays at 6:00pm at Kafadar Commons (good weather) or Mines Fieldhouse (poor weather).

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Barony of Caerthe
Meetings, Practices, Guilds & Miscellany

Populace Meeting
7:30 pm-First Mondays at the Aurora National Guard Armory at 55 Potomac St. in Aurora (Same site as fighter practice, downstairs.) Contact Lord Roland at 341-5765.

Fighter Practice
Heavy Weapons-6:30pm each Thursday at the Aurora National Guard Armory on Potomac. Contact Lord John Swinford at 364-5004.
Fencing-same as above. Contact Lady Angelique at 428-7754.
Archery-1 to 4pm on Sundays at 4860 Joliet St. weather permitting. Call Lord Larke at 639-1164 to confirm.

Guilds, Classes, & Meetings
Armorers' Guild — Contact Lord John Swinford 364-5004.
Autocrats Guild — 3rd Thursdays at the fighter practice site. Contact Roland at 341-5765.
Belly Dancing Guild — No regular meetings, but private lessons are available. Contact Triana at 252-0788.
Boffer Guild — 6:30pm 2nd Thursdays at fighter practice site. Contact Lord Zachariah at 322-1907.
Brewers Guild — 1st Fridays at 7:00pm before the Hawks Hollow Populace Meeting (see Canton listing for address & directions.) For more info call Stasia at 940-7746.
Bridgit's Bards — 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 8:00pm 2435 S. Franklin. Contact Mistress Vivien at 777-6759-Please call first!
Calligraphers, Illuminators & Illustrators Guild — 2nd & 3rd Mondays 7pm at 15912 East Lehigh Circle. Contact Wyndylyn at 680-1583.
College of Bardic Arts — Contact Mistress Aleen, 777-9364. Events include quarterly bardic circles.
Cooks Guild — Contact Mistress Katherine Holford at 322-1907, 910 Milwaukee St. Denver. Bake sale 2nd Thursdays at fighter practice.
Costumers Guild — 2nd Tuesday, 2435 S. Franklin. Contact Mistress Aleen 777-9364. 7:30 pm.
Dancing Classes — 2nd & 3rd Wednesdays 7pm at 15912 East Lehigh Circle. Contact Wyndylyn at 680-1583.
Equestrian Guild — 1st Sundays at 7 pm at 2860 Humboldt. Call 294-0266 (Mark or Tangwystel) for directions. For information: Regan at 344-0600 or 366-3292. Riding opportunities: Gegu at 752-3137.
Hack & Slash Sewing Circle & Mercenary Gossip Mongers Society — 1st Tuesdays at 7:00pm-Lady Rhiannon Wild Heart 15951 E. 13th Place #210, Aurora 344-9290.
Heraldry Meeting — 1st Wednesdays at 1645 Valentia St. Denver. Call Lady Richenda at 455-6728 for info or Lady Gabrielle or Mistress Mirianna at 394-4003 for directions.
Herbalists Guild — 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm at Mistress Aleen's, 2435 S. Franklin St Denver 777-9364.
Hospitallers Guild — If you have any interest in assisting with the Hospitaller's office, contact Lord Gavin of Birnam Wood at 969-9598.
Hypothetical Music Makers Meeting — 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 pm. For information call Vivien or Rowen at 777-6759.
Performing Arts Guild — 2nd Fridays. Contact Lord Frederick at 985-7590 (email ross@milenet.com) for info.
Recorder Classes — 2nd & 4th Mondays 7-9pm at 864 S. Pecos St. Denver. Call Crispin at 727-9709 or Thomas at 937-0871 for more information or directions.
Scots Gaelic Study Group — 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm, 2465 South Franklin Street, Denver. Call Mistress Rowen at 777-6759 for information.
Textiles Guild — 2nd Wednesdays at 5015 Beach, Denver. Call Lady Cecelia at 433-0132.

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